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RE: Lenz Oil Superfund Site, Lemont, IL

Dear EPA:

Please consider the following my public comment, in inquiry regarding the Lenz Oil Superfund site in Lemont, IL. I am the owner of properties which are immediately south and east of the Superfund site. Based upon my observations from the documentation provided, together with the information in terms of where the plume exists, it appears that my properties are within 60 feet southeast of the contamination site.

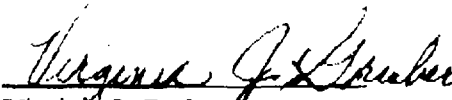
I attended the public meeting on August 17, 1998, and there are some issues that I would like addressed.

1. Were the wells which are located at 16W235 and 16 W245 Jeans Road tested to determine whether or not there was any contamination prior to these wells being capped at the request of County Health Authorities?
2. Once the remedial measures have been instituted, will there be ongoing monitoring of the groundwater on my properties?
3. When Jeans Rd. is closed, will there be sufficient access for my tenants to access their property? Since there are school age children living at my properties, how will school bus access be handled?
4. How I am compensated for the loss of tenants during the remedial work. During the last phase of the IEPA's work I lost the tenants in each site due to the continuous noise and traffic created by the excavating work?
5. I am concerned that the construction and widening of Jeans Road was ongoing, that the expansion area was staked and then all of the work stopped. Will this conclude any cleanup efforts?

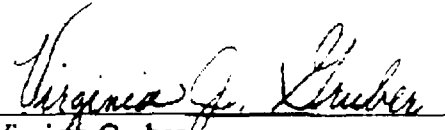
6. The area immediately adjacent to my property, a portion of the former Williams property is a wetlands area. This has been filled by Tamelin over the years. I want to know what impact this filling has created on my properties since it has obviously affected the natural flow of waters and I want to know what is being done to address this filling and what will be done to insure it is not done in the future.

I would also like to go on the record and state that I do not feel that it is appropriate to continue with the remedial efforts, until there has been some assurance that the contaminated area has not expanded, nor until there has been some assurance that the contamination has not affected my rental property.

Yours truly,


Virginia J. Gruber

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Virginia Gruber

Received 8/10/98

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It is our recommendation that
Plan "No action" be taken in this
project - assuming this is not an
option we believe alternative 11 should
be U.S. EPA + IEPA plan - we are
against the suggested clean up of
alternative 9A as this cost is \$5.3 million
higher than #11

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In reviewing the various options, I note that option number 11 costs \$7.8 million; option number 9(b) costs \$18 million. The result is a 90% - 99% clean up for both. Not only as a representative of a party who has been offered a de minimus settlement, but also as a taxpayer, I am at a loss as to why the EPA would opt for the more expensive procedure and am asking that someone explain why.

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I can only reflect over past years in business and reading various solutions relating to environmental health problems, specifically, federal and state bulletins, newspapers, etc. only to be confused by all these experts. What was considered dangerous 30 years ago was not 20 years later and again to read that it is now. There seems to be many "Expert" opinions on the subject. I wonder which one is correct. I also wonder why "They" would ask me for an opinion when I know that I do not have any expertise in that field. I also wonder why it has taken so many years to deal with the "Lenz Oil Site Problem."

Do you think that maybe alot of bureaucrats may lose their jobs - and/or do you think that the lawyers may have prolonged this problem to extract as many dollars out of this as possible? I would be curious to know how many thousands or maybe millions have been paid to lawyers so far.

I WONDER ??

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I don't understand why you would even consider using alternative 9A when alternative 11 is 5 million dollars cheaper and has a ~~is~~ better short term effectiveness. It seems to me that especially since this has been in the ground for over 10 years, and has been spreading via ground water, that the short term effectiveness would be an issue in determining the choice of alternatives. Don't we want this out of the ground ASAP!

It also occurs to me that alternative 11 is least disruptive to the current ecology of the effected area now + in the future - ultimately cement breaks down and is absorbed by the earth too.

Economically - well if you can still achieve 90-99% success rate and save 5 million dollars! Alternative 11 sounds like a winner to me - it just makes sense.

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It looks to me if we are stuck to cleanup somebody else's mistake we should try to do it as cheap as possible. If alternative 11 will do a good job and save us 5 million dollars why not do it that way. I have already put a few thousand dollars into this project and don't appreciate having to pay a bunch more.

The IEPA said I had 860 gals charged to me but the federal EPA said I was charged with 6833 gals. I don't know where they got that information.

I also understand that Lenz Oil Service is back in business around the Peoria, Ill. area as a waste management service. I know there was a new truck with Lenz Oil Service on the door pumping out a tank in Dwight, Ill. I don't believe they can get another license and we have to pay for their mistakes.

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U.S.EPA;

September 12, 1998

Just recently we had a meeting to inform us of completing the clean-up of the Lenz Oil site, the many ways seems to me to be over whelming.

The clean up that was done a few years ago seemed to take care of the serious problem, my view point may differ from others so I would like to list a few observations:

1. The vegetation, trees, grasses are healthy.

2. Wild life, birds, deer, rabbits, ground hogs, snakes, night crawlers are healthy and very plentiful.

3. Mrs. Williams has lived on the property for many years, she is 90 years old, a living testament that anything left is certainly harmless. I believe that the

only important item is not to use a water well on this site which is not needed since we have city water.

4. I also believe nature has a way to reclaim the pollution over time, this is evident just by observation over the years. I do not believe there is any danger to anyone at this time nor in the future.

The greatest danger to anyone is if Mrs. Williams were to be forced to move from her home or made so unpleasant to live there because of the plans implemented I am sure would cause a traumatic health condition.

Thank you,



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